

of 100 for the professional athlete and a unitless value of 50 for the less capable user (i.e., the less capable user has a 50% value of the professional athlete). By setting RNG 916 to other values, the displayed output range of system 900 may be modified.

In one example of use, system 900 is formed as a wrist watch to facilitate attachment to a child's wrist. System 900, when worn by the child, may then determine the child's activity level for the day. In another example of use, system 900 may be attached to a person's limb that is recuperating from injury (e.g., sporting injury, accident and/or operation etc.) such that system 900 may determine if the limb is receiving the right amount of activity to expedite recovery.

In another example of use, two skiers each use a system 900 when skiing for a day. The first skier, who is experienced and athletic, skis difficult ski runs (e.g., black double diamonds) all day, whereas the second skier is less experienced and skis easy runs (e.g., green runs) all day. At the end of the day, the first skier has a unitless activity value of 87 and the second skier has a unitless activity value of 12. Thus, these unitless activity values indicate the relative activity levels of each skier.

FIG. 10 shows a flowchart illustrating one process 1000 for determining and displaying a unitless value representative of a user's activity. Process 1000 may represent algorithms within software 905 of FIG. 9, for example, to be executed by processor 904. In step 1002, process 1000 clears a period accumulator. In one example of step 1002, processor 904, under control of software 905, clears period accumulator 918. In step 1004, process 1000 samples the detector to obtain data. In one example of step 1004, processor 904 periodically samples detector 906 over a sample period to determine data representative of the user's activity for that period. In step 1006, process 1000 processes the data of step 1004 to determine a number. In one example of step 1006, processor 904 integrates power spectral density of acceleration sampled in step 1004 over the sample period of step 1004 to generate a number. In step 1008, the number determined in step 1006 is added to the period accumulator. In one example of step 1008, processor 904 adds the number determined in step 1006 to period accumulator 918. In step 1010, process 1000 determines a unitless activity value from the accumulator. In one example of step 1010, processor 904 converts the accumulated value to a display value based upon MAX 914 and RNG 916. In step 1012, process 1000 displays the determined unitless activity value. In one example of step 1012, processor 904 sends the determined unitless activity value to display 912 via wireless transmitter 913. Step 1014 is a decision. If, in step 1014, the activity period for display has ended, process 1000 terminates; otherwise process 1000 continues with step 1004. Steps 1004 through 1014 thus repeat until the desired activity period is over.

Changes may be made to this application without departing from the scope hereof. It should thus be noted that the matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings should be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense. The following claims are intended to cover all generic and specific features described herein, as well as all statements of the scope of the present method and system, which, as a matter of language, might be said to fall there between.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of assessing usage by a user of an electronic system comprising a detector and a processor, the method comprising:

detecting, with the detector, use data indicative of use of the electronic system by the user during a use period; processing, with the processor, the detected use data to determine a number representative of the detected use data during the use period; and

generating, with the processor, a value based on a comparison of the determined number and an expected maximum number for the use period.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

prior to the generating, identifying a type of activity of the user performed during the use period; and

prior to the generating, identifying the expected maximum number for the use period based on the identified type of activity.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the identifying the type of activity comprises detecting at least one press of a button.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the identifying the type of activity comprises processing at least a portion of the detected use data.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting the generated value to the user.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising repeating the detecting, the processing, the generating, and the presenting for a plurality of consecutive use periods.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising repeating the detecting, the processing, and the generating for a plurality of consecutive activity periods.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the processing the detected use data to determine the number comprises integrating power spectral density of acceleration data of the detected use data over the period of time of the use period.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the use period is at least eight hours.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the detected use data is indicative of a number of physical repetitions.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the value is based on an intensity of the use of the user during the use period.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the value is based on a length of the use period.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the detected use data is indicative of at least two different activities.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the generating the value comprises:

determining a ratio based on the comparison of the determined number and the expected maximum number for the use period; and

multiplying the determined ratio by a range number.

15. A system comprising:

a detector configured to detect movement data indicative of movement over a movement duration of time; and a processor configured to:

determine a number representative of the detected movement data over the movement duration of time; and

generate a value based on the determined number and a maximum number for the movement duration of time.

16. The system of claim 15, further comprising an enclosure that at least partially houses each one of the detector and the processor.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein the enclosure is configured to be worn on a wrist of a user during the movement duration of time.

18. A method of assessing data, comprising:

detecting data;

sampling the detected data during a time period;